GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4643
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MISUSE OF RAILWAY TICKETS UNDER VIP QUOTA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed rules for confirmation of railway tickets under VIP quota and other emergent demands;

(b) whether instances of misuse of the VIP quota on the basis of bogus letters of MPs have come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year so far along with the action taken in each case and the number of persons booked in this regard;

(d) whether nexus between the railway officials and the travel agents has also been established with regard to misuse of the said quota during the said period;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the persons found guilty in this regard along with the action taken against them; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to stop such unfair activities in his Ministry in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a): A limited number of berths have been earmarked as Emergency Quota to meet the emergent travel requirement of High Official Requisition (HOR)holders, Ministers, MPs/MLAs,VIPs and other emergent demands.The preference is given to High Official Requisition holder and the MPs travelling themselves. Thereafter the unutilized quota is released in favour of other requests taking into account factors like status of passengers travelling, nature of urgency like travelling on Government Duty, bereavement in the family, sickness etc.

(b) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.